



CCM 2012 Testimony

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The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 90% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to testify on bills of interest to towns and cities.

H.B. 5314, "An Act Concerning the Jeopardy Collection of Taxes"

CCM is unaware of any widespread problems that would necessitate this bill. Although considerably watered-down from last year, it still involves a particular community – and applies a “resolution” to all other 168 other communities.

CGS Section 12-163 allows that “If, between the assessment date and the tax due date, any tax collector believes that the collection of any tax will be jeopardized by delay, he shall, subject to the provisions of this section, collect such taxes forthwith”.

Tax collectors know their communities well. They want businesses to survive – and thrive. They realize that, through commerce and taxes, property owners contribute to making the community livable.

Regarding a similar bill from last year, the Office of Fiscal Analysis (OFA) stated that it would have a “revenue impact” on towns and cities.

CCM urges the Committee to take no action on this bill.



If you have any questions, please contact Ron Thomas at rthomas@ccm-ct.org or (203) 498-3000.